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SUBJ: FRG MILITARY AID TO VIET NAM

STATE USIA MESSAGE

THE GERMAN PRESS CONTINUES TO REACT TO THE REPORTS ABOUT SECRETARY  
MCNAMARA'S TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEES ON VIET NAM.

DIE WELT OF FEBRUARY 22 CARRIED A LEAD EDITORIAL EXPRESSING THE  
FEAR THAT THE GAP BETWEEN THE HUMANITARIAN AID PLANNED BY BONN  
AND AMERICAN EXPECTATIONS IS WIDENING. POINTING OUT THAT THE DEBATE  
IN THE US IS CONCERNED, INTER ALIA, WITH THE DANGER THAT THE  
OBLIGATIONS OF AMERICA AS THE PROTECTOR OF FREEDOM MAY BE OUT

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OF RELATION TO AMERICA'S STRENGTH AND CAPABILITY STANDING ALONE,  
DIE WELT SAID THAT GERMAN CIVILIAN AID MUST BE GREAT ENOUGH TO  
BE REGARDED AS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT BY THE AMERICANS. THE PAPER  
OUTLINED FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH MUST GOVERN THE FRG'S POLICY  
REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO VIET NAM. THEY ARE (1) THE BUNDESWEHR  
MUST NOT BE DEPLOYED OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA, (2) NOTHING SHOULD BE  
DONE WHICH WOULD RELIEVE THE US OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR BERLIN  
AND GERMANY, (3) EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO HELP AMERICA FROM  
OVEREXTENDING ITSELF PSYCHOLOGICALLY, POLITICALLY AND MORALLY  
ELSE ITS FUNCTION AS A PROTECTING POWER IN GERMANY COULD BE  
ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND (4) EVERYTHING SHOULD BE DONE AS FAR AS  
POSSIBLE TO RELIEVE THE US OF SOME OF ITS BURDENS. REGARDING  
THE LAST POINT, THE EUROPEANS COULD DO MORE TO CONTRIBUTE TO  
THEIR OWN DEFENSE AND THUS RELIEVE THE US TO THAT EXTENT.

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THE KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER EXPRESSED CONCERN LEST THE GERMAN REFUSAL TO SEND TROOPS MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED IN THE US; IF A REQUEST WERE TO BE MADE OFFICIALLY, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE TURNED DOWN. SUCH A REQUEST "MIGHT POISON GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS". WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE US. PRIMARY GERMAN INTERESTS FORBID THE SENDING OF GERMAN TROOPS TO VIET NAM.

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THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG CARRIES A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON WHICH TRIES TO PLACE MCNAMARA'S STATEMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HEARINGS. VIEWING THE STATEMENTS OUT OF CONTEXT LEAVES THE IMPRESSION THAT DRAMATIC DEMANDS ARE ABOUT TO BE MADE OF THE GERMANS. THE SECRETARY WAS MERELY "JUSTIFYING THE BUDGET REQUESTS" OF HIS DEPARTMENT. MCNAMARA IS VOICING THE UNDERSTANDABLE VIEWPOINT AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE THAT THE EUROPEAN ALLIES SHOULD DO MORE AND SEND TROOPS TO VIET NAM. "WHETHER (THIS) WILL BE MADE AND OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM THE US GOVT. AND HOW THE EUROPEANS WOULD REACT TO SUCH AN OFFICIAL REQUEST, IS ANOTHER MATTER."  
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